STUDENTS AND HOUSING DISCRIMINATION

Were you denied the apartment or housing you wanted?

Do you feel you were treated unfairly or given false information?

You may have been the victim of unlawful housing discrimination.
As a student, you are likely entering the housing market for the first time. Before you begin apartment hunting, it is important to know your rights under the law and recognize unlawful discrimination.

The federal Fair Housing Act protects people looking for housing from discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status (e.g., the fact you have children), or disability (42 U.S.C. 3604).

Illinois and the city of Chicago have added further protections from discrimination on other bases, including sexual orientation and source of income (e.g., Section 8 or housing choice voucher holders).

If you feel like you have been denied housing for an unlawful reason, you may have a fair housing claim.

The John Marshall Law School Fair Housing Legal Support Center & Clinic represents persons who have been discriminated against in violation of the fair housing laws. It also has trained individuals who can conduct tests to determine if discrimination has occurred.
Bring Social Justice to Your Social Network!

In the age of social media, your social network likely contains people of all colors, persuasions, and backgrounds. Many of these people may fall into protected classes under the federal Fair Housing Act and Illinois law.

Your network may contain gay and lesbian friends, friends with children, and friends from different ethnic and religious backgrounds.

Bring the fight for fair housing to your social network.

With a simple post, you can help bring social justice to your social network. Let your friends and contacts know their rights. If they are seeking housing, let them know they are protected from landlords who may discriminate against them simply because of who they are.

Don’t just follow your friends—lead.

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